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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM: John H. Stein
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SUBJECT: Klaus Barbie [redacted]

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1. With reference to the Klaus Barbie case, the attached OGC memorandum was just brought to my attention. In view of the considerable publicity brought to bear on this case, and because of ongoing investigations into allegations that the U. S. Government had assisted him in leaving Germany in 1951, I should like to bring the following to your attention to avoid any possible misunderstanding in this delicate matter. [redacted]

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2. At the conclusion of two separate checks of the DO records, we have no information that would link this Agency or OPC to the Barbie affair. [redacted]

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3. I also should like to restate the position of this Directorate in the Barbie case. As in any other allegation that a particular person is or was a CIA agent, I believe that we should follow the standard practice of neither affirming nor denying that Barbie was a CIA agent. It seems to me that this is a particularly appropriate response in view of the various investigations currently being conducted into this matter. However, I support fully OGC's position that as an Agency we provide every assistance to those investigating this case. In fact we already have been alerted

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to a formal request by Justice for a review of our two-volume Barbie file, and have been told informally that the GAO also would make the Barbie case a part of its investigation into the alleged illegal introduction into the United States of Nazi war criminals by OPC. As in other past investigations by these two agencies, we intend to make available to their investigators all DO records on this subject.

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